THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): The current flaring of gas is 5.68 MMSCMD which is 10.55 per cent of the current production. The percentage utilisation is 89·45 per-cent.

Production of crude oil in North-Eastern Region

1384. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the production, demand and import of crude oil, since 1989-90;

(b) whether the growth rate of production of crude oil is showing a declining trend since 1989-90;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken to increase the production of crude oil;

(e) the share of North-Eastern Region in the production of crude oil; and

(f) the major projects under implementation in North-Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) A statement indicating the production demand and import of crude oil since 1989-90 is attached. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) The indigenous production of crude oil showed a declining trend upto 1992-93. The decline was due to factors such as ageing of oil fields, implementation of rectificatory measures in the Bombay High, environmental constraints in the North-East, etc.

(d) Govt. initiated a number of short-term and medium-term measures to boost the production of crude oil. As a result of this, the declining trend has since been arrested. The measures so initiated include development of new fields, additional development of some existing fields, etc.

(e) The share of the North-East region in the current production of crude oil is around 16 per cent.

(f) The measures initiated in the North-Eastern Region to step up crude oil production include enhanced oil recovery, stepping up work-over operation, artificial lift, the implementation of new technologies like drain hole drilling, etc.

Statement

(Million Tonnes)

Year	Production of crude oil	Demand of crude oil (Refinery through-put)	Import of crude oil
1989-90	34·087	51·942	19·490
1990-91	33·021	51·772	20·699
1991-92	30·346	51·423	23·994
1992-93	26.950	53 482	29 247
1993-94* . . .	27.026	54·296	30 822
1994-95* . . .	23·896	42·423	20·624
(April-Dec.)			

*Provisional